

## SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING SUBSCRIBER DATABASE LOADS

### ABSTRACT

A system, apparatus and method for mitigating subscriber database loads. Messaging routing information obtained from a subscriber database at the sending side of a message transaction is sent along with the message to the receiving side of the message transaction, thereby obviating the need for the receiving side to obtain the same information from the subscriber database. Caching may be used at the sending and/or receiving side of the message transaction to further reduce the need for queries to the subscriber database. In more involved embodiments such as MMS transfers, the message routing information can include subscriber identities to subscriber notification network elements to further reduce queries to the subscriber database.